

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) A combustion engine apparatus,
comprising:

fuel, said fuel made up of a first portion and a second portion,
a first stage piston engine for combusting said first portion of said fuel in a
first stage, said first stage piston engine producing piston engine exhaust gases
with said piston engine exhaust gases containing said second portion of said fuel;

a second stage turbine engine for combusting said second portion of said
fuel contained in said piston engine exhaust gases in a second stage at
stoichiometric conditions, said second stage turbine engine producing turbine
engine exhaust gases;

a supercharger for supercharging said piston engine using said turbine
engine exhaust gases, and

means for directing said turbine exhaust gases from said second stage
turbine engine into said supercharger.

Claim 9. (Original) The combustion engine apparatus of claim 8 wherein
said first stage piston engine is a compression ignition engine, a homogenous
charged compression ignition engine, a variable compression engine, a nitrogen

enriched air combustion engine, a rotating engine, a linear engine, and/or a reciprocating engine.

Claim 10. (Original) The combustion engine apparatus of claim 8 including a compressor for providing compressed air to said second stage turbine engine for combusting said fuel contained in said piston engine exhaust gases.

Claim 11. (Original) The combustion engine apparatus of claim 8 wherein said fuel is oil, methane, natural gas, ammonia, alcohols and/or ethers.

Claim 12. (Original) The combustion engine apparatus of claim 8 wherein said fuel is any combustible matter.

Claim 13. (Original) The combustion engine apparatus of claim 12 wherein said any combustible matter comprises fossil fuels including oil, natural gas, and/or coal.

Claim 14. (Original) The combustion engine apparatus of claim 12 wherein said any combustible matter comprises inorganic fuels including ammonia, hydrazine, and/or calcium.

Claim 15. (Original) The combustion engine apparatus of claim 8 wherein said any combustible matter comprises organic fuels including alcohols, ethers, and/or wood.

Claim 16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (Cancelled)

Claim 19. (Cancelled)

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A combustion engine method that provides increased fuel efficiency and reduces polluting exhaust emissions by burning fuel in two stages, said fuel consisting of a first portion and a second portion, comprising the steps of:

combusting said first portion of said fuel in a piston engine in a first stage,
said step of combusting said first portion of said fuel in a piston engine in a first
stage producing piston engine exhaust gases, said piston engine exhaust gases
containing said second portion of said fuel, The combustion engine method of
claim 16 wherein said step of combusting said fuel in a piston engine in a first
stage comprises combusting said fuel in a nitrogen enriched air combustion
engine;

combusting said second portion of said fuel contained in said piston
engine exhaust gases in a second stage turbine engine at stoichiometric
conditions, said step of combusting said fuel contained in said piston engine
exhaust gases in a second stage turbine engine at stoichiometric conditions
producing turbine engine exhaust gases; and

using said turbine engine exhaust gases to supercharge said piston engine
by directing said turbine engine exhaust gases into said piston engine.

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